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FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY FROM THE SECRETARY

REFERENCE TOCAH 114.

HAVE BEEN GIVING THOUGHT TO YOUR SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE WESTERN SUMMIT MEETING AND MY FIRST REACTIONS ARE MIXED. TO DATE WE HAVE MAINTAINED REMARKABLY SOLID FRONT AT GENEVA VIS-A-VIS THE RUSSIANS. THE HOLDING OF A WESTERN SUMMIT MIGHT INDICATE THAT THIS FRONT WAS NOT AS SOLID AS IT SEEMED AND HENCE COULD BE CONSIDERED A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, FEEL THAT EARLY MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND DEGAULLE MOST DESIRABLE AND WESTERN SUMMIT HAS DEFINITE APPEAL IN LEADING TO THIS.

WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO BEAR THIS SUGGESTION IN MIND AND WILL SEND YOU FURTHER REACTIONS IMMEDIATELY UPON HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO JUDGE SITUATION AFTER KHRUSHCHEV REPLY TO PRESIDENT AND OUTCOME NEXT DAY OR TWO'S TALKS WITH GROMYKO. I AM NOW ANTICIPATING TODAY'S TALKS MAY DETERMINE OUTCOME HERE ALTHOUGH ALWAYS POSITURFOY# GROMYKO WILL BE SO EVASIVE IN EFFORT PROLONG TALKS AS TO MAKE IT NECESSARY HOLD ONE OR TWO FURTHER MEETINGS.

MERCHANT, THOMPSON AND REINHARDT CONCUR IN ABOVE.

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